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SUBJ: TRADE ACT OF 1974 -- GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF

PREFERENCES (GSP)

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1. PENDING PREPARATION OF SUITABLE DOCUMENTS ON TRADE
ACT OF 1974 IN FRENCH TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH APPROPRIATE GOT OFFICIALS EMBOFF HAD INFORMAL
DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL
BEN YAHIA RE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES IN LINE
PARA 10 STATE 282967. BEN YAHIA SAID TUNISIA IN
PRINCIPLE CERTAINLY DESIRES TO BE DESIGNATED AS
"BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY" FOR GSP. HE SAID THAT
BEFORE RESPONDING OFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, GOT WOULD WISH
TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE PROVISIONS OF LAW AND
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DISCUSS MATTER INTERNALLY.

2. EMBASSY PASSED ENGLISH TEXT OF TITLE V TRANSMITTED STATE 282968 TO BEN YAHIA AND PLANS LEAVE SUMMARY AIDE MEMOIRE OF HIGHLIGHTS OF LAW AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK. PLEASE AIR POUCH SOONEST ANY AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS ON LAW ALREADY TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH IN SEVERAL COPIES. THESE WOULD FACILITATE AND SPEED UP EMBASSY EFFORT TO INFORM GOT OF LAW AND REDUCE POSSIBILITIES OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS DUE TO TRANSLATION OF DIFFICULT LEGAL TEXT.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES TUNISIA WILL BE INCLUDED ON INITIAL LIST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR GSP (PARA 3 STATE 282967) BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION WHEN POSSIBLE. IN ORDER BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO PROBABLE GOT QUERY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF VARIOUS WAYS ACCEPTABLE TO USG BY WHICH GOT CAN OFFICIALLY EXPRESS ITS DESIRE TO BE DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE FOR GSP AND TO ASSURE USG RE ACCESS TO TUNISIAN MARKET AND RESOURCES AS NOTED PARA 10 STATE 282967.

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